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United States Department of Justice,

Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. I firmly believe that the proposed Microsoft settlement is bad idea because it does very little to stop known monopolistic practices of Microsoft.

I have been professionally developing software for over 10 years and have seen Microsoft use leverage from one aspect of their business to crush competition in others. They have a long history of going beyond capitalism and into monopolistic practices. Left unchecked, this will continue into the future with their .net initiative.

An example of how the current settlement proposal lacks substance is the issue of APIs.

The Findings of Fact define "API" to mean the interfaces between application programs and the operating system. However, the PFJ's Definition A defines it to mean only the interfaces between Microsoft middleware and Microsoft Windows, excluding Windows APIs used by other application programs. For instance, the PFJ's definition of API might omit important APIs such as the Microsoft Installer APIs which are used by installer programs to install software on Windows.

Sincerely,
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